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SUBJECT: Applicant: Gelfand *et al.*
Serial No: 10/784,807
Filed: February 24, 2004
For: METHOD AND CATHETER SYSTEM APPLICABLE TO
ACUTE RENTAL FAILURE
Examiner: Schell, Laura C.
Group: 3767
Docket No: LE-218J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a RESPONSE in reply to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2006 in the subject application.

If for any reason this RESPONSE is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if at any time it appears that a TELEPHONE CONFERENCE with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts at (781) 890-5678.

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Kindly acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by returning the enclosed self-addressed postcard.

Sincerely,

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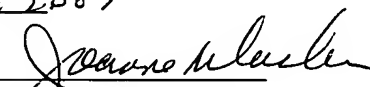
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RESPONSE

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2006 in the subject application. In response to the Office Action, please consider the applicant's remarks as follows.

REMARKS

The applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the application and requests reexamination and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner requires the applicant to restrict to one of the two inventions as follows:

Group I, Claims 1-66 and 91-97, drawn to methods of protecting the kidney, classified in class 604, subclass 509.